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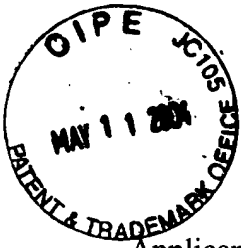
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§§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

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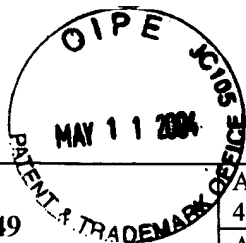
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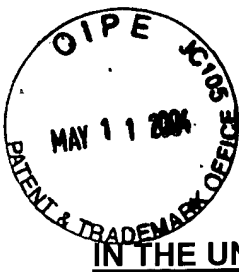
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. §6098, attorneys for Applicant hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner.

Subject matter related to the present patent application is currently involved in several proceedings. There are currently two pending cancellation proceedings in Germany. The status of each matter is briefly discussed below.

I. DE20108765U1 Cancellation Proceeding

A cancellation action was filed on January 10, 2003 in Germany of German Utility model DE 201 08 765 U1 related to EP 201 08 765. Enclosed are English versions of the cancellation action, related patents and other related references. The patents cited in the cancellation action include WO 00/30563 to Brown, WO 99/15108 to Berry, US

5,913,895 to Burpee, WO 97/32544 to Penn, US 5,603,721 to Lau and DE 297 08 879 U1 to Hoefer all of which are attached with related Exhibits.

II. DE20108764U1 Cancellation Proceeding

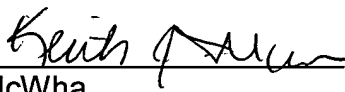
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above discussed proceedings and related documents. If the Examiner has any questions regarding any of the above discussed matters, or wishes clarification of any of the matters discussed above, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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